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SUBJECT: MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECT ON THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN
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REFS: (A) TANANARIVE 1402, (B) TANANARIVE 1034

1. POST WISHES TO ADVISE PROJECT ORGANIZERS THAT PARTICIPANT, MRS. RAZAKABOANA, MAY ATTEMPT TO LEAVE US BEFORE PROGRAM'S END AROUND OCTOBER 4. SHE WOULD LIKE TO JOIN HUSBAND FINANCE MINISTER, ON OFFICIAL VISIT TO FAR EAST. VISIT UNFORESEEN BEFORE THIS WEEK. MALAGASY GOVERNMENT WOULD PAY US-FAR EAST TRAVEL. FROM FAR EAST SHE WOULD ACCOMPANY HUSBAND TO PARIS. SHE ASKED IF SHE COULD USE RETURN PORTION OF DEPARTMENT-ISSUED TICKET FOR RETURN TO TANANARIVE FROM PARIS, AS IT SHOULD FALL WITHIN 45-DAY EXCURSION.

2. POST HAS REPEATEDLY COUNSELED MRS. RAZAKABOANA AGAINST LEAVING US BEFORE PROJECT'S END. WHILE SHE IS ANXIOUS NOT TO QUIT PROGRAM, SHE IS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT JOINING HUSBAND. POST UNABLE TO ELICIT FIRM COMMITMENT FROM HER THAT SHE WOULD REMAIN THROUGHOUT PROGRAM.

3. POST HAS ADVISED MRS. RAZAKABOANA TO DISCUSS SUBJECT WITH ORGANIZERS ON ARRIVAL. POST SUGGESTS THAT ORGANIZERS APPROACH MRS. RAZAKABOANA ON SUBJECT WHICH SHE MAY BE RELUCTANT TO RAISE HERSELF. HOWEVER, EVEN IF SHE MUST LEAVE PROGRAM EARLY, HER PARTICIPATION WILL BE VERY VALUABLE TO US. SHEINBAUM

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